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1. The rank and file of the Liberal party on the Atlantic coast of Colombia and in the Magdalena River ports is reported to be well-organized into a cellular type of organization. [REDACTED] the National Liberal Directorate had sanctioned this form of organization. 25X1X
2. [REDACTED] after the national elections in November 1949, the Liberal party in that area had lost confidence in the National Liberal Directorate and the local leaders had set up a system of cells to prepare for a revolutionary coup which they expected to follow. This type of organization has been maintained and the leaders have not seen fit to inform the Directorate. [REDACTED] have found the cellular type of organization particularly suited to the sort of people with whom they dealt, who are predominantly laborers. It had also proved to be the best system to keep the Liberal party together under the state of siege. 25X1X
3. [REDACTED] the Liberal party had been prepared to support an army movement to overthrow the government in November 1949, again in January 1950 when President Ospina was in Cartagena, and again on 10 March 1950. However, signals which had been agreed upon were never received from Bogota, and beautiful opportunities were thus lost, according to informant. 25X1X
4. [REDACTED] Captain Gustavo Gomez Posada (Ret.)* recently said that the National Census organization, built up for the purpose of making a census in Colombia in 1951, is being used by revolutionary elements of the Liberal party to coordinate activities throughout Colombia. The census organization is under the Contraloria General de la Republica, the great majority of whose employees are Liberals. [REDACTED] in Barranquilla and Cartagena he was able to confirm that the census office in each place is a center for the propagation of Liberal party propaganda. 25X1X

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Comment. Captain Gomez Posada has been previously reported as the leader of a subversive Liberal army element and of JEGA.

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